

The London Corresponding Society, in order to gratify the desire the public must naturally feel to know what are the particular accusations preferred against Citizens JONES and BINNS, as well as to prevent all misrepresentations which will probably be circulated, present them with copies of the Indictments found against each.

The KING against BINNS.

WARWICKSHIRE.

THE Jurors for our lord the king, upon their oath present, That JOHN BINNS, late of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, labourer, being a malicious, seditious, and ill-disposed person, and greatly disaffected to our said lord the king, and the government and constitution of this realm as by law established, on the eleventh day of March, in the thirty-sixth year of the reign of our said lord the now king at Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, did wickedly, unlawfully, and seditiously speak, publish, utter, and declare to and in the presence and hearing of divers liege subjects of our said lord the king, then and there assembled, of and concerning our said lord the king, and the government and constitution of this realm as by law established, and of and concerning a reform in the Commons House of Parliament of this realm, and of and concerning Universal Suffrage in the election of persons to serve in the parliament of this kingdom, and of and concerning Annual Parliaments, and the means of obtaining the same, and also of and concerning the soldiers of our said lord the king, the scandalous, malicious, and seditious words following; (that is to say) his majesty (meaning our said lord the king) and his ministers are well convinced that, that (meaning universal suffrage in the election of persons to serve in the parliament of this kingdom and annual parliaments) is most conducive to the happiness of the people and have granted it to Corsica, though he (meaning our said lord the

king) has withheld that right from his natural subjects (meaning the people of this realm) ; our object is to obtain it by every peaceable means in our power ; for it would be shocking to humanity to shed the blood of our fellow-creatures, but if they (meaning his said majesty and his ministers) continue obstinate, and there should be a time when force is necessary to be used, I (meaning himself the said John Binns) hope there is not a citizen in the room but would shed his last drop of blood either in the field, or on the scaffold. You are not to think much of your own lives, for you are engaged in the cause of posterity, though the blood may flow from the axe down the block, it will sprinkle the earth, and a tree will arise that will spread its branches to future generations. If the soldiers (meaning the soldiers of our said lord the king) are called upon to act against you, like the National Guards who were called upon to fire on the people in the outset of the Revolution in France, they (meaning the soldiers of our said lord the king) will not dare to draw the trigger, or push the bayonet, against the preservers of their freedom and their liberty, with intent to incite and stir up the people of this realm to hatred and contempt of the person of our said lord the king, and of the government and constitution of this realm as by law established, in contempt of our said lord the king and his laws, to the evil example of all others in the like case offending, and against the peace of our said lord the king, his crown and dignity. And the jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present, that the said John Binns, so being such person as aforesaid, afterwards (to wit) on the said eleventh day of March, in the thirty-sixth year of the reign of our said lord the now king, at Birmingham aforesaid, in the county of Warwick aforesaid, did maliciously, wickedly, unlawfully, and seditiously speak, publish, utter, and declare to, and in the presence and hearing of divers liege subjects of our said lord the king, of and concerning our said lord the king, and the government and constitution of this realm as by law established, and

of and concerning a reform of the Commons House of Parliament of this realm, and of and concerning Universal Suffrage in the election of persons to serve in the parliament of this kingdom, and Annual Parliaments, other the scandalous, malicious, and seditious words following; (that is to say) his majesty (meaning our said lord the king) and his ministers are well convinced that, that (meaning universal suffrage in the election of persons to serve in the parliament of this kingdom, and annual parliaments) is most conducive to the happiness of the people, and have granted it to Corfica, though he (meaning our said lord the king) has withheld that right from his natural subjects, (meaning the people of this realm) with intent to incite and stir up the people of this realm to hatred and contempt of the person of our said lord the king, and of the government and constitution of this realm as by law established, in contempt of our said lord the king and his laws, to the evil example of all others in the like case offending, and against the peace of our said lord the king, his crown and dignity. And the jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present, that the aforesaid John Binns, so being such person as aforesaid, afterwards (to wit) on the said eleventh day of March, in the thirty-sixth year aforesaid, at Birmingham aforesaid, in the county of Warwick aforesaid, did maliciously, wickedly, unlawfully, and seditiously speak, publish, utter, and declare to and in the presence and hearing of divers liege subjects of our said lord the king, of and concerning our said lord the king and his ministers by him intrusted and employed in the administration of his government, and of and concerning a reform in the parliament of this realm, and the means of obtaining the same, the scandalous, malicious and seditious words following; (that is to say) our object is to obtain it (meaning a reform in the parliament of this kingdom) by every peaceable means in our power, for it would be shocking to humanity to shed the blood of our fellow creatures; but if they (meaning his said majesty's ministers) continue obstinate,

and there should be a time when force is necessary to be used, I (meaning himself the said John Binns) hope there is not a citizen in the room but would shed his last drop of blood either in the field or on the scaffold, with intent to incite and stir up the people of this realm to hatred and contempt of the person of our said lord the king, and of the government and constitution of this realm as by law established, in contempt of our said lord the king and his laws, to the evil example of all others in the like case offending, and against the peace of our said lord the king, his crown and dignity. And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present, that the aforesaid John Binns so being such person as aforesaid, afterwards (to wit) on the said eleventh day of March, in the thirty-sixth year aforesaid, at Birmingham aforesaid, in the county of Warwick aforesaid, did maliciously, wickedly, unlawfully, and seditiously publish, utter, and declare to, and in the presence and hearing of divers liege subjects of our said lord the king, of and concerning the soldiers of our said lord the king, and how such soldiers would act if force should be used to obtain a reform in the parliament of this kingdom, other the scandalous, malicious, and seditious words following; (that is to say) if the soldiers (meaning the soldiers of our said lord the king) were called upon to act against you, like the national guards who were called upon to fire on the people in the outset of the Revolution in France, they (meaning the said soldiers) would not dare to draw the trigger, or push the bayonet against the preservers of their freedom and their liberty, with intent to incite and stir up the people of this realm to hatred and contempt of the government and constitution of this realm as by law established, in contempt of our said lord the king and his laws, to the evil example of all others in the like case offending and against the peace of our said lord the king, his crown and dignity.

